Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [00016] on page 4, with the following amended paragraph:

[00016] Typically, the reaction in a single fuel cell produces a low voltage output. To provide a larger voltage, generally a plurality of fuel cells are combined in series to form a fuel cell stack. To provide more current, generally a plurality of fuel cells are combined in parallel to form a fuel cell stack. To provide particular power requirements, a plurality of fuel cells are combined in a combination of series and parallel to form a fuel cell stack. As shown in FIG. 2, the present invention provides a fuel cell system 200 having a plurality of fuel cells 202 that form a fuel cell stack that is coupled to a disposable fuel-battery unit 220 wherein a disposable light-weight auxiliary power battery 204 is disposed in a compartment of the fuel-battery unit 220. For example, a plurality of fuel cells similar to the fuel cell 100 shown in FIG. 1 may be stacked to form the fuel cell stack. The disposable ~~fuel container~~ fuel-battery unit 220 has a compartment 208 for fuel such as, for example, hydrogen, and another compartment for the auxiliary power battery 204.

Please replace paragraph [00017] on page 4, with the following amended paragraph:

[00017] The stack of the plurality of fuel cells 202 are generally coupled in series and/or parallel as required. Typically, the fuel cell system 200 is disposed in a shell 218 that has a lid 216, for example, a lid with a snapable fastener (not shown). The lid 216 provides access to a ~~chamber 220~~ chamber 225 in the shell 218 proximate to the stack of fuel cells 202. The lid 216 provides access to the ~~chamber 220~~ chamber 225 in the fuel cell system 200 wherein the portable disposable fuel-battery unit 220 may be inserted. The function of the auxiliary power battery 204 is to: 1) provide start-up power for the Balance of Plant components, not shown for simplicity, 2) to provide back-up power for transient demands where the fuel cell system 200 cannot

respond quickly enough, and 3) to provide instant power while the fuel cell stack is powering up.